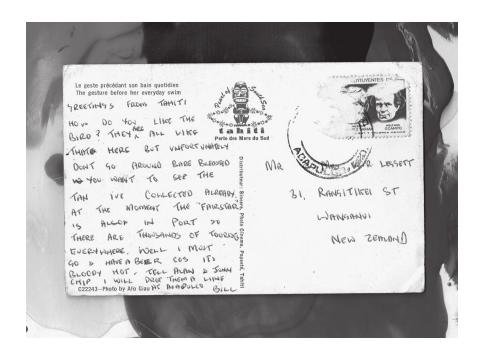
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"Beneath a sky where there is no winter, the Tahitian has only to raise his arms in order to harvest his food. He never works. While in Europe, men and women must toil endlessly to earn their daily bread, and suffer constant privation, the lucky inhabitants of the remote South Seas Paradise of Tahiti know only life's pleasures."

Anonymous, guidebook from the Department of the Colonies, 1889.



"I am leaving so that I can be at peace and can rid myself of civilization's influence. I need to immerse myself in virgin nature, see only savages, live their life, with no other care than to portray, as would a child the concepts in my brain using only primitive artistic materials, the only kind that are good and true."

Paul Gauguin, 1889.